

Education Team Minutes
November 5, 2009 6:00 PM

Members Present: Bill Basford, Carol Dyar, Jamie Nemecek, Iver Lofving, Kate Newkirk, Bonnie Sammons, Linda Woods

1. Weatherization

- Carol works with Cooperative Extension & Americorps. They hope to weatherize houses in one town a month.
- State Housing & Efficiency Maine training sessions available via video tape
- Will invite people who might be interested in weatherizing—primarily window covering
- Do a site visit to measure windows, etc.
- Charleston & Warren assemble windows—packaged with warming kits
- Delivered by volunteers
- Learned from Ron Desrosiers
- Trying to get firefighters—known face in community
- Have homeowners state the problem & builds relationship
- Senior Companions
- Going town by town
- All Extensions are doing this.
- Also telling people about loan availability
- Kennebec County has training dates. Carol will contact us.
- Carol has money to buy pieces to work with kids.
- Lowe's pairs with Habitat for Humanity & Women Build
- Greg Fletcher—solar technician teacher at KVCC—may hold a symposium around their work with windmill
- Check the MEEP web site for workshops at Bonney Eagle
- Bill is building windows like Charlie Wing (author of restoring old houses books)
- Bill is business-energy auditor.
- Jamie suggested Center for Environmental Education.
- People can reach Carol at: ceaton@umext.maine.edu/ 474-9622

2. Public Education

- Looking to have a monthly program at Barrels Community in 2010
- There are three upcoming. Check your e-mail.

3. Float

- Iver building an 8 foot tree. (He'll bring it the 17th.)
- Carol will make a banner. (I need to get her the dimensions.)

4. School-related activities

- Green Fest at Skowhegan High School during the week of May 14-20
- Energy Literacy Day at Lawrence date?
- Bonnie Sammons & Steve Mazerolle at Messalonskee are working on water quality & trail work (identifying trees, etc)
- Iver repeated our desire to get “green” kids together at some event to be held after Christmas.
- Maybe show an environmental movie at each school & invite the others (like Dexter); maybe a visit to Iver’s sugar house
- Linda will check with NRCM (the history & rivers), Natural Conservancy, Maine State Library to see if there are any free
- Iver has a good movie. Eric has *The True Cost of Food*.
- Jamie suggests the last episode of the *Planet Series*. She will get Unity kids to join us.
- Eric is OK with our using his room at LHS.
- Bonnie suggests *Earth*.
- Jamie says there is no royalty fee if there is a discussion afterwards.

The next meeting will be December 3 at 6:00 at Grand Central Café.